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## NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham announced today the filing of a 13-count Indictment<sup>1</sup> charging defendant RAMONE WALKER with committing the robberies of commercial businesses in Philadelphia and Delaware counties on 13 occasions from on or about August 19, 2005, to on or about September 6, 2005, as follows:

Number	Date/Time	Business/location
1	8/19/05 7:10 p.m.	Rite Aid 4200 Walnut Street Philadelphia
2	8/21/05 1:30 p.m.	Rite Aid 6731 Woodland Ave Philadelphia
3	8/23/05 1:30 p.m.	CVS 6900 Lindbergh Ave Philadelphia
4	8/29/05 2:50 p.m.	CVS 129 E. Baltimore Pike Lansdowne
5	8/30/05 10:45 a.m.	CVS 101 Chester Ave Yeadon
6	8/31/05 1:53 p.m.	Rite Aid 327 N Chester Pike Glenolden

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm l}$  An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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7	9/1/05 2:40 p.m.	Blockbuster Video 40 W. Baltimore Pike Lansdowne
8	9/1/05 7:55 p.m.	Rite Aid 2301 Walnut St Philadelphia
9	9/3/05 5:15 p.m.	Rite Aid 136 N. 63rd St Philadelphia
10	9/4/05 2:15 a.m.	Rite Aid 327 N Chester Pike Glenolden
11	9/5/05 4:25 p.m.	Eckerd 1426 Walnut Street, Philadelphia
12	9/6/05 12:55 p.m.	Eckerd 7400 Oxford Ave Philadelphia
13	9/6/05 1:50 p.m.	CVS 6601 Broad St Philadelphia

This investigation and prosecution was part of *Project Safe Neighborhoods*, a joint initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, each of the nine District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. Recently, as an extension of Project Safe Neighborhoods, the United States Attorney's Office, FBI, ATF, Philadelphia Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies have established the *Hobbs Act Robbery Task Force* to investigate and prosecute organized gangs and groups committing commercial armed robberies in this district. Defendant WALKER faces a maximum sentence of 260 years, a \$3,250,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release and a \$1300 special assessment.

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This case has been investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Philadelphia, Lansdowne Borough, Yeadon Borough and Glenolden Borough Police Departments, and other state and local law enforcement agencies. The case has been assigned to Special Assistant United States Attorney Arlene D. Fisk.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
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